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Bob Hope Interchange Opens

Riverside County – Caltrans and SEMA Construction will be hosting the opening of the new \$25.5 million Bob Hope interchange. Caltrans and SEMA Construction will welcome representatives of local elected officials, the Coachella Valley Associated Governments, Riverside County Transportation Commission, Riverside County, and The Cahuilla Band of Mission Indians. The celebration will take place on the new bridge deck on September 23th at 9 a.m.

Guests will include Tom Kirk, Coachella Valley Associated Governments, Anne Mayer, Riverside County Transportation Commission and Richard Milanovich, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

Construction began in February 2010 on the new structure which is located on Interstate 10 in the Coachella Valley. This project added a new I-10 interchange just west of Ramon Road, extended Bob Hope Drive to Varner Road with a new eight-lane bridge over I-10 and added new on- and off-ramps.

"Valley residents are excited to see this bridge open after 19 months of construction," said Caltrans District 8 Director Dr. Ray Wolfe. "The opening of this bridge should relieve local traffic congestion and make travel through this area much easier and efficient. I'd like to thank our project partners, the community, SEMA Construction, their sub-contractors and Caltrans personnel for their efforts to reach this milestone."

The bridge will open between Varner Road and Bob Hope Drive at 1 p.m., after the event, as will the westbound on-ramp to I-10 and the eastbound off-ramp to Bob Hope Drive. The other two ramps remain closed for final work. The Department wants to thank the community for their ongoing support during construction.

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